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1. WHITE PAPER MAY BE ADDRESSED IN PART TO INTERNATIONAL OPINION. ALL WELL-KNOWN FRENCH PUBLICATIONS HAVE CARRIED ON-GOING COVERAGE STUDENT SITUATION IN SENEGAL, DIOP'S DEATH, AND REACTION BY STUDENTS IN FRANCE. RADICAL PUBLICATIONS ADDRESSED TO STUDENTS AND WORKERS ALSO GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE.

2. AMONG MOST WORRISOME MAY BE ALMOST FULL PAGE BOX IN "NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR" NO. 445, HEADLINED "DEATH OF AN AFRICAN MILITANT", WITH PHOTO DIOP FROM SCENE IN REVOLUTIONARY GODARD FILM "LA CHINOISE".

3. ARTICLE SIGNED LAWYER GEORGES KIEJMAN. KIEJMAN STATES "OUR PRESS IS RARELY CRITICAL OF SENEGAL", ADDING, "I WAS WRONG"... NOT TO BE ALARMED WHEN PREVENTED FROM VISITING DIOP DURING RECENT VISIT TO SENEGAL, "ALL OF US WERE WRONG WHO KEPT QUIET ON PRETEXT THAT ALMOST ANYWHERE ELSE IN AFRICA AND WORLD IT WOULD BE WORSE...IT IS TIME THAT ALL THOSE FRIENDS OF SENEGAL WHO NAIVELY THOUGHT THEIR SILENCE WOULD ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO CLEMENCY SHOULD PULL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEMSELVES TOGETHER".

4. LENGTHY EDITOR'S NOTE STATES SEGNHOR REAGARDS SUCH STATEMENTS AS "INTOLERABLE INTERFERENCE", AND SUGGESTS "IT WOULD BE INFORTUNATE IF PRESIDENT HAD SAME REACTION THIS TIME"... "SERIOUS DOUBTS WOULD SPREAD REGARDING LIBERAL IMAGE HE WISHES TO GIVE", AND URGES, OFFICIAL ENQUIRY TO AVOID THIS.

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